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SUBJECT: EDITORIAL COMMENT ON RHODESIA

1. FRONT-PAGE EDITORIAL IN GOVERNMENT-OWNED DAILY NEWS
AUGUST 3 COMMENTED ON LATEST RHODESIAN RAID INTO MOZAMBIQUE.
RAID WAS DESCRIBED AS A SIGN THAT SMITH'S AMNESTY PLAN FOR
GUERRILLAS WAS NOT WORKING. "THE LATEST BOMBINGS ON THE
REFUGEE CAMPS MUST BE SEEN AS THE REBEL ATTEMPT TO WHIP UP
MORALE IN RHODESIA - THE MUZOREWAS, SITHOLES OR CHIRAUS
ARE NOT HELPING THE SITUATION MUCH."

2. EDITORIAL REMARKED THAT INTERNAL REGIME HAD RESORTED
TO USE OF TERROR TO FORCE ACCEPTANCE OF THE INTERNAL
SETTLEMENT. IT SAID SELOUS SCOUTS, "LET LOOSE TO MURDER
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INNOCENT PEOPLE," WERE RESPONSIBLE FOR MANY CIVILIAN
CASUALTIES, INCLUDING WHITE MISSIONARIES AND CHILDREN AT
VUMBA. "MORE THAN 100,000 ZIMBABWEANS HAVE FLED THE COUNTRY
TO JOIN THE GUERRILLAS OR LIVE IN PATRIOTIC FRONT-ORGANIZED
REFUGEE CAMPS IN MOZAMBIQUE. HENCE THE COWARDLY ATTACKS
AGAINST THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF MOZAMBIQUE."

3. COMMENT. EDITORIAL REACTION TO RHODESIAN RAID IS
ALMOST MATTER-OF-FACT. LATEST RHODESIAN INCURSION INTO
MOZAMBIQUE COMES AT A TIME WHEN TANGOV APPEARS INCREASINGLY,
BUT RELUCTANTLY, INCLINED TO SEE RHODESIAN OUTCOME IN
MILITARY TERMS. IT MAY BE SIGNIFICANT THAT DAILY NEWS
DID NOT PICK UP AUGUST 1 THEME OF ZAMBIA DAILY MAIL
(LUSAKA 2688) THAT FRONTLINE STATES SHOULD CALL IN CUBANS
TO HELP STATES ATTACKED BY RHODESIA.
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